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VACCINES FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN

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Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), the Section for Communicable Disease Prevention, has advised Missouri Medicaid, due to the shortage of influenza vaccine, the criteria for children receiving influenza vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is not finalized and the flu vaccine is not currently available. For more information concerning VFC go to www.cdc.gov/nip/vfc.

When providers receive free vaccine from DHSS, they should bill Missouri Medicaid for the administration of the vaccine only.

Providers who administer flu vaccine to Medicaid children or Medicaid adults using vaccine they purchased can bill Missouri Medicaid by using the Pharmacy Claim form and the National Drug Code (NDC).

Provider Bulletins are available on the DMS Website at http://www.dss.mo.gov/dms/pages/bulletins.htm. Bulletins will remain on the Published Bulletin site only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin site.

Missouri Medicaid News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the DMS Website at http://dss.missouri.gov/dms/subscribe/MedNewsSubscribe.htm to subscribe to the listserve to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official Missouri Medicaid communications via e-mail.

MC+ Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 1-800-392-0938 and using Option One.

Provider Communications Hotline 800-392-0938 or 573-751-2896